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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 September 1968

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DD/I reported that a sanitized statement on Soviet and Chinese military developments was sent to Senator Russell on Friday per his request.

DD/I advised that there has been a breakthrough with DIA on the working level in connection with the estimated figures of North Vietnamese strength in South Vietnam. A working level memorandum is on its way to General Carroll and the Director, but utilization of the higher figures now depends on General Carroll's (and implicitly General Wheeler's) acceptance of the working level figures.

DD/I reported that the last GIANT SCALE mission covered 22 percent of North Vietnam and indicated that there is a degree of logistics build-up just north of the 19th parallel and POL storage just north of the DMZ.

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DD/S noted that there is evidence of employee dissatisfaction with the rise in prices in the cafeteria, especially since cafeteria service has dramatically deteriorated of late. He indicated a number of initiatives under way to attempt to come to grips with the cafeteria problem.

Carver observed that the Long Beach bagged a MIG with a TALOS missile at a range of fifty-nine miles.

Maury reported that DD/S&T provided an excellent briefing Friday for Senators Percy and Cooper on Soviet and Chinese ABM developments.

Maury noted that Senator Ellender will be briefed this afternoon in connection with his forthcoming trip.

hoted that the Cuban missile crisis back-up material has been pulled together and copies have been sent to the ADD/I and the Executive Director.

The Director agreed to Houston's suggestion that the edited version of the youth unrest paper be sent to Roger Wilkins, the Director of the Community Relations Service in the Department of Justice.

DD/S&T commented briefly on the Soviet circumlunar shot, and while noting that it was a spectacular success by virtually any standard, it would appear that there are still difficulties in connection with manned re-entry of a circumlunar vehicle.

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DD/P called attention to reports from New Delhi of Chinese discussions on possible Sino-Indian border clashes.

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Executive Director noted that Project USEFUL commences this morning and lasts for two days. (Actually, it is for one week.)

The Director noted that his testimony before the Rivers Subcommittee on Wednesday morning is scheduled to last for two hours and advised that the testimony should be basically oriented toward coverage of various military developments. He advised the DDCI that the latter will have to fill in for him at the Air War College that morning.

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